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**SENATE BILL**

**No. 347**

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**Introduced by Senator Ortiz  
(Principal coauthor: Senator Cox)**

(Principal coauthors: Assembly Members Jones and Niello)

(Coauthors: Assembly Members Houston and Nakanishi)

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An act to amend Section 12670.11 of the Water Code, relating to water.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 347, as amended, Ortiz. Flood control: American River flood damage reduction project.

(1) Existing law adopts and authorizes the project for flood damage reduction and environmental restoration in the American River watershed in Sacramento County at an estimated cost to the state of the sum that may be appropriated for state cooperation by statute, upon the recommendation and advice of the Department of Water Resources or the Reclamation Board.

This bill would provide that the project includes the construction of a new bridge with an estimated cost of \$66,000,000, of which \$36,000,000 is allocated to flood damage reduction and dam safety. The bill would require the state to fund *no more than* \$9,000,000 of the \$36,000,000 that is allocated to flood damage reduction. The bill would require the City of Folsom to serve as the nonfederal sponsor of the bridge and to enter into a specified agreement with the department. By imposing requirements on the City of Folsom, the bill would impose a state-mandated local program.

(2) The California Constitution requires the state to reimburse local agencies and school districts for certain costs mandated by the state. Statutory provisions establish procedures for making that reimbursement.

This bill would provide that no reimbursement is required by this act for a specified reason.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes.  
State-mandated local program: yes.

*The people of the State of California do enact as follows:*

1 SECTION 1. Section 12670.11 of the Water Code is amended  
2 to read:

3 12670.11. (a) The project for flood damage reduction and  
4 environmental restoration in the American River watershed in  
5 Sacramento County is adopted and authorized substantially in  
6 accordance with Congressional approval and the final report of  
7 the Chief of Engineers dated November 5, 2002, as authorized by  
8 Section 128 of the Energy and Water Development  
9 Appropriations Act, 2004 (P.L. 108-137), at an estimated cost to  
10 the state of the sum that may be appropriated for state  
11 cooperation by statute, upon the recommendation and advice of  
12 the department or the Reclamation Board. The project includes  
13 the construction of a new bridge with an estimated cost of  
14 sixty-six million dollars (\$66,000,000), of which thirty-six  
15 million dollars (\$36,000,000) is allocated to flood damage  
16 reduction and dam safety. The state shall fund *no more than* nine  
17 million dollars (\$9,000,000) of the thirty-six million dollars  
18 (\$36,000,000) that is allocated to flood damage reduction.

19 (b) The Sacramento Area Flood Control Agency shall enter  
20 into an agreement with the department pursuant to which the  
21 agency agrees to indemnify and hold and save harmless the state,  
22 its officers, agents, and employees for any and all liability for  
23 damages that may arise out of the planning, design, construction,  
24 operation, maintenance, repair, and rehabilitation of the project.

25 (c) The City of Folsom shall serve as the nonfederal sponsor  
26 of the bridge authorized as part of the project and shall enter into  
27 an agreement with the department to receive the state's  
28 proportionate share of the cost of the bridge and to indemnify and  
29 hold and save harmless the state, its officers, agents, and

1 employees for any and all liability for damages that may arise out  
2 of the planning, design, construction, operation, maintenance,  
3 repair, and rehabilitation of the bridge.

4 SEC. 2. No reimbursement is required by this act pursuant to  
5 Section 6 of Article XIII B of the California Constitution because  
6 the only costs that may be incurred by a local agency or school  
7 district are the result of a program for which legislative authority  
8 was requested by that local agency or school district, within the  
9 meaning of Section 17556 of the Government Code and Section  
10 6 of Article XIII B of the California Constitution.

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